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The New Hampshire Offshore Wind Summit was held at the Portsmouth Sheraton Harborside Hotel on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. Following the May 2022 convening of the Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Task Force, the occasion is an early benchmark in reenergizing post-pandemic discussions for New Hampshire's role in offshore wind development. With an event cap of 100 in the Harbor's Edge room, attendance exceeded 130 individuals over the course of the day. Sectors represented in registration included public officials, small manufacturers, union representatives, media personnel, local businesses, NGOs, in addition to energy and offshore wind industry members.

The day's events included approximately five and half hours of presentations including a keynote speech by Governor Chris Sununu, lunch speaker Bob Varney of the Environmental Business Council and Normandeau Associates, and four panel discussions. The four panels presented perspectives from state agencies, utilities, industry and workforce development, and infrastructure. Partnering sponsors also provided interested attendees with further engagement through three touring options to review infrastructure by boat, helicopter, or bus.

Free public admission to the event and additional touring resources were made possible through several sponsorships. Until and Eversource sponsored breakfast and lunch, respectively. Registration and logistical sponsorship for the tours were made possible by Granite Shore Power and the NH Port Authority for the boat tour, Liberty and C&J Bus Lines for the driving tour of Pease International Airport, and East West Aeronautics sponsored and conducted the helicopter tours with reception coordination by Hampton Bates Public Relations. Event registration was sponsored by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and New England for Offshore Wind. The Seacoast Chamber Alliance and the Business and Industry Association provided event registration and coordination efforts.

Registered attendees received NH Department of Environmental Services bags to collect materials from sponsor tables. These bags also included copies of the *New Hampshire State Energy Strategy*, the 2022 *Report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Infrastructure and Supply Chain Opportunities as it Relates to the Deployment of Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine*, a brief readout on the status of the RFP 2021-020 assessment of stakeholder concerns, and the day's agenda. Copies of these documents are available on the NH Department of Energy website.

## **Tuesday 27 September 2022 Agenda**

Opening Remarks Governor Chris Sununu Introduction: Mark Sanborn

Panel One: Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine and the Role of the State

Moderator: Bob Varney

Mark Sanborn Assistant Commissioner Gulf of Maine Offshore Wind Update

NH Department of Environmental Services

David Watters Commission Chair Commission to Study Offshore Wind and

NH State Senator Port Development

Chris Ellms Assistant Commissioner Department of Energy

NH Department of Energy

Ted Diers Water Division Administrator Department of Environmental Services

NH Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program

Cheri Patterson Chief of Marine Fisheries Division Fish and Game

NH Fish and Game

Erik Chapman Director Sea Grant

NH Sea Grant

Panel Two: The Perspective of New Hampshire's Utilities and Consumers Moderator: Kristen Koch

Julia Bovey Director of External Affairs for Offshore Wind Eversource NH

**Eversource NH** 

Matthew Fossum Senior Counsel Until

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Heather Tebbetts NH Director of Business Development Liberty Utilities

**Liberty Utilities** 

Stephen Kaminski Power Planning and Policy Advisor NH Electric Cooperative

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Marc Brown Vice President, State Affairs Consumer Energy Alliance

Consumer Energy Alliance

Don Kreis NH Consumer Advocate Office of the Consumer Advocate

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Panel Three: New Hampshire's Businesses and Workforce and the Moderator: Mikael Pyrtel

Offshore Wind Industry

Ben Brown Director of Industry Education Business Network for Offshore Wind

Business Network for Offshore Wind

Bob Varney Council Chair NH Environmental Business Council

NH Environmental Business Council

Rob Werner Committee Chair New England for Offshore Wind

New England for Offshore Wind

Mike Skelton President and CEO NH Business and Industry Association

NH Business and Industry Association

Cheryl Lesser President Community College System of NH

Great Bay Community College

Joe Dorion Director of Workforce Development NH Department of Business and

NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs Economic Affairs

**Lunch Speaker** Bob Varney Introduction: Sen. David Watters

Panel Four: Energy and Infrastructure Opportunities Moderator: Mark Sanborn

Erica Horne Director of Offshore Wind Industry Development Energy Opportunities

NH Department of Energy

Dan Phelan Wholesale Administrator Transmission Infrastructure

NH Department of Energy

Geno Marconi Director

NH Port Development Authority

Mikael Prytel Seacoast Business Specialist Overview of Seacoast Businesses

NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs

James Andrews President

**Granite Shore Power** 

Eric Robinson Captain and CEO Aviation Support of Offshore Wind

East West Aeronautical Operations

**NH Port Authority** 

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